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Washington Materials Management & Financing Authority E-Newsletter

Authority Signs Up Network of More Than 100 Collectors

The Authority has been reaching out to collectors of electronic products in Washington over the past several months, in an effort to find and engage staffed collection sites in all 39 counties and for all cities of more than 10,000 across Washington. This effort has involved outreach to hundreds of local government officials, retailers, recyclers, reuse organizations, community groups, charities and specialty haulers around the state.

As of December 21st, more than 100 collection sites have submitted signed forms indicating their intent to participate as a collector in the Standard Plan. Operators of dozens of additional sites have also made verbal indication of interest in plan participation. To begin operations under the Standard Plan by January 1, 2009, the Authority must have final arrangements in place with collectors and the Standard Plan due on February 1, 2008, must include a list of collectors providing services throughout Washington State.

The Authority recognizes that each collector operates under varying circumstances with different levels of resources. To develop an effective collector network, the Authority will work with each collector to reach fair and mutually acceptable arrangements consistent with regulations promulgated by the Department of Ecology. The Authority is committed to building an efficient, cost-effective and sustainable system that works well for collectors, manufacturers and the public.

Draft Standard Plan Under Review

The Authority has developed a draft of its Standard Plan for recycling covered electronic products (CEPs). The draft Plan includes all of the Department of Ecology's 15 required major sections. The Plan covers all aspects of the electronics collection and recycling system, from collection services and collectors to transporters and processors. It includes provisions for fairly apportioning costs among participating manufacturers, design for recycling, recordkeeping, fair compensation, and public outreach and marketing. Board members are reviewing the draft now, and the Authority is on schedule to improve and complete the Plan in January with additional input from outside experts and Authority members. The Plan is due to Ecology by February 1, 2008. After approval by Ecology, the Authority will move forward with implementation of the Standard Plan. Initial collection will begin January 1, 2009.

Now Contracting with Processors and Transporters

In addition to moving forward with arrangements to begin collection of covered electronic products on January 1, 2009, the Authority is looking for companies to transport and process the collected electronics products. The Authority just released its contracts for transporters and processors, which are available on the website at www.wmmfa.net. The Authority is committed

to meeting the Department of Ecology's "preferred processing standards" set forth in the November 2007 guidance on processing standards, assuring a high level of responsible recycling with minimal additional cost.

Search Started for WMMFA Executive Director

The Authority has begun recruitment for an Executive Director, with a projected start date of February 1, 2008. The Executive Director will perform the functions of CEO and CFO of WMMFA and will oversee all program operations and Authority staff. The full position description is posted on the Authority website – www.wmmfa.net. Interested candidates should send resume and cover letters to Mary Jacques: maryjacques@us.lenovo.com.